

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Advisory Action of February 3, 2009 and the Office Action of July 21, 2008, and follows the Notice of Appeal filed January 16, 2009. This communication accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and qualifies as a “submission” under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: